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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Arguments***

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1. Applicant's arguments filed 3/3/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. The applicant argues that the prior art does not teach that the stepped wire and the press fit base form a housing.
3. In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).
4. As the applicant can see in Fig 2 of Le the head of the wire is housed in the press fit base. Further, Le in combination with Terasaki teaches that the encapsulant is surrounded by the press fit base and the stepped portion of the wire. The combination of which form a housing, the benefits of which flow naturally from the combination.
5. In response to applicant's argument that less epoxy is used, the fact that applicant has recognized another advantage which would flow naturally from following the suggestion of the prior art cannot be the basis for patentability when the differences would otherwise be obvious. See *Ex parte Obiaya*, 227 USPQ 58, 60 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1985).

***Conclusion***

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